Guide to the Cummings Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 860

CREATOR: Cummings family

TITLE: Cummings family papers

DATES: 1794–1886

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The principal figures are Charles Cummings, a minister in Sullivan, New Hampshire and his daughter Anna Gove Cummings Boyden. Included are notebooks, account books, and diaries kept by Charles Cummings and schoolbooks of his daughter before her marriage in 1838. Also in the papers are family correspondence and legal and financial papers.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1945.
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Biographical / Historical
Joseph Cummings was born in 1745 and died on September 24, 1788. He graduated from Harvard College in 1768. He married Anna Grove on December 5, 1776. They had six children.

Reverand Charles Cummings was born in 1777 and dies in December 27, 1849. He was a Baptist preacher. He married Polly Hemenway on October 9, 1798. They had seven children.

Cyrus Cummings was born in 1782 and died on April 26, 1827. He married Susan Wildes on May 25, 1809. They had five children. He managed the Topsfield Tavern in Topsfield, Massachusetts.

Source: The Cummings Memorial by George Mooar.

Scope and Contents
Correspondence and other papers relating to descendants of Joseph Cummings (1745-1788) make up the Cummings Family Papers. Aside from a small amount of correspondence and a variety of deeds and other legal and financial papers relating to lands in New Hampshire, the Papers contain several sermons by Charles Cummings, his diaries, notebook, account book, and journal, as well as essays and a French exercise book of his daughter, Anna Gove (Cummings) Boyden.

These papers were purchased by Yale University in 1945.
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Anna Gove (Cummings) Boyden, 1820-

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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Clergy
Families
Women -- Education

Geographic Names
New England
New Hampshire -- Religion
Sullivan (N.H.)

Genres / Formats
Account books
Diaries
Sermons

Names
Boyden, Anna Gove Cummings, b. 1820
Cummings, Charles, 1777-1849

Families
Cummings family